

MR. NYE ON TRIPE

Bill Writes of a New Style of Bookbinding.

ALSO OF A LITERARY EFFORT

Some Remarks From a Swedish Exchange on Nye Which He Says Are Not Quite Correct.

Being on the eve, as I may say, of publishing a book, I hail with ill concealed joy the announcement that a company has been recently formed with a capital of \$100,000, and located at Newark, N. J., for the manufacture of "membranoid" for bookbindings.

This is a new style of ornamental leather made from tripe. I get all my information regarding the matter from The Butcher's Advocate, the acknowledged journalistic authority on meaty matters.

The inventor claims that membranoid will prove more serviceable, and at the same time please the bookworm better,



THE BOOKWORM.

than any other style of bookbinding. It is also susceptible of more artistic and gaudy possibilities than any other substance.

The time is coming when the author, instead of trying to ensnare on a paltry royalty, will be permitted to carry a vinegar flask in his hip pocket and board at the bindery. The unscrupulous lawyer and graduate of Harvard will not get as thin as I did while practicing law and hanting, conveying and starvation, for he can put a "little Halford sauce" on his library and feel pretty well afterward. How much happier I would have been while practicing law surreptitiously if I could have put some mustard on a New York decision or given myself up to a Simmon's Digest.

Law is a rule of action prescribing what is right and prohibiting what is wrong, according to my friend Mr. Blackstone, who got the idea from Justinian, but too often the student and the collector find it poor grazing and the common law, especially short common. (This is a joke which I need with good effect at the bars of Court, in London, where I put up while in England.)

But now with our books bound in membranoid, the bookworm and the bott become synonymous, and the day is not far distant when a hymn book or two during Lent may prolong one's life.

The "Read and Return" volumes on the train will then have to be chained to the seat, and eminent but unprosperous authors can subsist for a time on the autograph albums sent to them, using the return stamps for Chili sauce.

In addition to the use of tripe as a bookbinding, it will be used and utilized in the manufacture of slippers for the pastor, and the time is coming when the Christmas tree will yield to the hungry and weary one, not a promise to the eye to be broken to the heart, but no doubt as many slippers as at present, yet each one capable of making a man a meat. In the onward march of membranoid I am told also that the company will not confine itself entirely to tripe, but will roam about scientifically among the other organs, and in the matter of literature will seek, especially in the binding of medical works, to use the membrane of the organ on which the work treats, as, for instance, a meningeal binding for works on the brain and spine, a pleural binding for a treatise on the diseases of the chest and lungs, and so on as to diseases of the bones, peritonitis, etc.

This leads us on to speak of other literary efforts, among them a sort of delayed boom or the fragment of a nominating speech which was not accepted by the candidate, and having been returned to the author, the editor of a Winston paper, as being unavailable, was used by him in his paper and adapted to the use of a gentleman who had doubtless paid up his subscription or sent in a bit of bridal cake—i. e., a bridal bit as it were.

Below I give the paragraph as it is printed, for it is a gem of forensic beauty which would have jarred the rock ribbed natural dam at St. Anthony's Falls or shaken the wet cotton domestic roof of the Chicago 4-m (pronounced "forum"). I shall utilize it in a school speaker which I am about to issue, to be used in advanced classes of rhetoric.

"He stands today most grandly equipped and most luxuriantly robed with all those splendid attainments, which most admirably fit him for that high arena of brilliant usefulness, where his grand powers shine forth with all the undimmed splendor and matchless brilliancy of the knightliest grace and dignity, and which emit at all times those rare waves of lustre that lend and impart additional glory to the rich and glittering tiara of American manhood and American statesmanship. In the fortitude of his purpose, and the strength of his character, and the tenderness of his sympathies, and the womanly gentleness of his heart he reminds us of some grand and lofty towering oak, beautifully and symmetrically developed, and richly and luxuriantly foliaged, with the peaceful verdure of a vernal woven garland of opulent splendor, capable of defying and withstanding the raging blasts of the wildest storm, and yet offering, within the tender and gentle recesses and its leafy bowers, a nestling place for mother birds to safely nurse their tender brood."

If Mr. Harrison sent that back he richly deserves the charge of being the great American ice machine. Cold as

my own heart is at times, I cannot read the above without a quickened pulse, and over and over again as I read it I promise myself that I will never again do so without providing myself with a handkerchief.

If Mr. Cleveland returned this inflated monism it is no wonder that Republican papers charge him with trying to drive over little children with a mowing machine. Mr. Cleveland is a keen critic of beautiful word picturing, and if he sent this graham gem back to North Carolina it must have been owing to his vulgar haste and his anxiety to get away with Joseph Jefferson and catch tom-cods in Buzzard's bay.

In my mind now I see Mr. Cleveland with a new tiara made specially for him by Lyon & Healy, of Chicago, and quietly learning to play on it in Mr. Jefferson's studio, while Mr. Van Winkle is painting a life size picture of Buzzard's bay. Then, again, I see him at the close of a busy day taking off his panoply and hanging it on a chair as he retires to rest, or mayhap in the morning, equipping himself for that high arena of brilliant usefulness where his go and powers shine forth with all the undimmed splendor and matchless brilliancy of the knightliest grace and dignity which emit at all times those rare waves of lustre that lend and impart additional glory to the rich and glittering tiara of American manhood and statesmanship.

If I had a tiara that I could wear on the cars—size 7½—one that would prevent neuralgia and tick \$300 in the teeth and head, and then a panoply to wear on cold nights when I am restless and kick the asphalt Pullman blankets off, I would like it as well as another.

My bust measure is forty.

An all wool panoply with a belt to it would suit me first rate, or the whole thing could be made in one garment, with a tiara of the same.

I find the following paragraph in one of my Swedish exchanges, and hardly know whether the reference is friendly or not. I quote from The Nordstjernan, of New York. The Nordstjernan goes on to say as follows:

"Bill nye, var bokante humorist, slog gläddan lös i Torsdags morgon vid störtgåden i Saratoga, då hans fot slant på marmorgolfvet och han föll rakt på en porlainspottback och erhöi rätt svåra sår på ryggen och i sidan. Han blef förförd till sitt rum i Congress Hall, der en doktor sydde ihop såret. Han måste nu hålla sig i sang en vecka och möjligen längre."

I am not so fluent in the Swedish language as I should be after having had a Swedish cook for years, but if I understand the above paragraph it errs in some of its statements.

I never in Saratoga in my life, either on Torsdags morgon or elsewhere, and the allusion to "rum i Congress Hall" is purely gratuitous, and most every one knows how I labor rum when I see what it has done for every one but Mr. Keeley, and how I turn from it, especially when I remember how many other things there are that taste better and come at the same price.

Moreover, when a paper says that "i sang en vecka och möjligen" or elsewhere it makes a mistake.

I am led to believe, however, that the authority for the item is a paragraph recently printed in some of the American papers in which a man who had assumed my name and gone to Saratoga for jagging purposes only fell over a pet cinnamon bear at Congress Hall and cut his brow open on the sharp edge of a porcelain cuspidor or "spott back."

He lay unconscious until some one detected a gas leak and following up the odor discovered the gas in his head. It was then learned that he had registered under my name, and the glad news flashed over the wires that I had fallen on a "spott back."

He is the same dapper gaudier of mine who three years ago stole a carload of watermelons in Ohio, using nothing but an iron bar and a pseudonym.

But even other people are talked about. Here is what The Nordstjernan says of the Democratic convention:

"Jag har lyckats få rum på Grand Pacific hotell, der Cleveland demokrat."

erna hafva stit buvadvarter sedan ordnadt under ledning af Colonel John Tracy, hvaran jag således blir tillfälle att få se dem i full verksamhet.

"Det första jag förtärgat mig, var att se huru lätt arbetena på exposition-platsen förtärgades."

Here it will be noticed that rum and its jag, as well as the demokrater, are closely associated, and yet those who know the Democracy best know that its prohibition plank is the proudest moment of its life.

On Sunday next I propose giving a brief talk, with illustrations of same, regarding the great national question of the "Use and Abuse of Wagon Roads," treating it not as a local question, but as a national and international question, and showing by personal reminiscences how I found the wagon roads of our own country when I was thrown in contact with them a great deal, treating same under the title of "Wagon Roads with Whom I Have Met Up With," and in connection with the great World's Columbian exposition of roads and road beds, to be shown in the furniture exhibit, Class D, No. 3094.

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MEETING A WAGON ROAD.

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A DEVIL CAST OUT

Of a Dumb Man 19 Centuries Ago.

Causes Multitudes to Marvel! The Devil of Drunkenness Successfully Cast Out Today Is the Nineteenth Century Miracle and Marvel.

Whatever the uncertainty as to the nature of the devil cast out of men nineteen hundred years ago, there is no uncertainty as to the kind of a devil with which many men are possessed in this day and age of the world. There is not a namable crime possible to be committed by man of which he does not stand guilty through the satanic influence and power of the devil of strong drink. There are untold thousands of men in the world today who are bound hand and foot; mind and soul, as the direct result of the liquor habit, the majority of whose cases are hopeless unless kind friends will interest themselves in their cases. But the devil of strong drink can be cast out if one will go about it in the right way. Drunkenness is curable, but beware of the many so-called cures for drunkenness! The cures that have been wrought by Dr. Haines' Golden Specific, administered at home in the tea, coffee and food of the unfortunate, unknown to him, by loving hands, bring from the ends of the earth hundreds of cheerful testimonials like this one:

"The package of Golden Specific received did its work. It acted like a magic. I have used several powders and can see the cure already. My father does not even know that he has taken any medicine. He thinks that he quit drinking of his own free will. He has no desire for drink whatever." Positively there is but one cure for drunkenness, and this is the cure. By writing Golden Specific Company, Cincinnati, O., for a 48-page book of particulars you can have at hand free a mine of valuable information.

The Line of Lakes.

The above name has been applied to the Wisconsin Central lines on account of the large number of lakes and summer resorts tributary to its lines. Among some of the well known summer resorts are Fox Lake, Ill., Lake Villa, Ill., Waukegan, Mukwonago, Cedar Lake, Neenah, Waupaca, Fifeield, Butternut and Ashland, Wis. These lakes abound in numerous species of fish, such as black bass, rock bass, pickerel, pike, perch, muskallonge, while sportsmen will find an abundance of game, such as ducks, geese, quail, snipe, etc. In the grandeur of her scenery, the charming beauty of her rustic landscapes and the rare perfection of her summer climate, the state of Wisconsin is acknowledged to be without a peer in the union. Her fame as a refreshing retreat for the over-taxed, careworn inhabitants of the great cities during the midsummer months, has extended southward as far as the Gulf of Mexico and eastward to the Atlantic. Pamphlets giving valuable information can be obtained free upon application to A. A. Jack, D. P. A., Detroit, Mich., or James C. Pond, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Return of Capt. Paul Boynton's Water Circus at North Park. Two hours of entertainment free. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The insurance firm of Chauncey & Niblock have moved into the new Michigan Trust company building.

In thousands of cases the cure of a cough is the preventive of consumption. The surest cough medicine in the world is Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Sold by all dealers on a guarantee of satisfaction.

We Have the largest and most complete line of sailors in the city. CORLI, KNOTT & CO.

Attend Hartman's summer garden.

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"Royal Ruby" Port Wine.

The feeble constitution, the more susceptible the system is to the causes of disease, and the less competent it is to struggle with sickness. Hence where there is a deficiency of natural stamina the physique should be protected and strengthened by the best invigorant that nature produces. Insist on your druggist or dealer giving you "Royal Ruby" port wine, accept no other "just as good" which they may offer you.

The pure Oporto grape juice, old, rich and mellow, has that fruity taste so seldom found, no matter what price is paid. Quart bottles \$1.00; pints 60 cents. Sold and guaranteed by White & White, Thum Bros. & Schmidt, leading druggists.

Bottled by Royal Wine Co., Chicago.

Knox Sailors can be found in all colors and styles at Corli, Knott & Co's.

\$3.00 Detroit and Return. \$3.00 Monday, July 18, the D. G. H. & M. Railway company will run a special excursion to Detroit giving all an opportunity to attend the "Blue Ribbon Day" races at Detroit. Special train will leave Grand Rapids 6:45 a. m., arrive at Detroit 11:35 p. m. (with sleeper). Fair for round trip only \$3.00. Free admission to the races on this day. JAMES C. POND, City Agent.

QUICKEST TRAIN OF ALL To Potoskey, Bay View and Mackinac—G. R. & I. No. 7.

Leave Grand Rapids..... 2:00 p. m. Arrive at Potoskey and Bay View..... 8:00 p. m.

Arrive Mackinac Island..... 10:30 p. m. Arrive Traverse City..... 6:55 p. m.

Superior at Keweenaw..... 10:30 p. m. Two parlor chair cars to Potoskey and Mackinac City.

Other trains leave at 7:20 a. m. and 10:40 p. m. for Potoskey and Mackinac, and at 7:20 a. m. and 4:15 p. m. for Traverse City. Parlor and sleeping cars; 7:20 a. m. train daily.

Sample Chocolate Free. A postal addressed "Menier, New York" will secure samples of their delicious Chocolate with directions.

If you always insist upon having Allcock's Porous Plaster and never accept a substitute, you will not be disappointed.

\$0.75 to Potoskey and Bay View via G. R. & I. R. R.

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DRAPERIES!

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RUINED IN HEALTH BROKEN IN SPIRIT! I WISHED TO DIE

Mrs. Cutler's Terrible Experience Narrated.

Saved as By Magic.

The many wonderful cures made by Doctor French and associates at their beautiful parlor offices at the Vendome are not confined to Grand Rapids alone, nor to the state of Michigan, but their numbers are countless and are residents of almost every state in the Union. Five years in Boston, 25 years in Washington, D. C., 2 years in Denver, and a long experience in several other cities have made their names famous throughout the United States. Persons come a long distance to consult with them and be treated and cured by them. Mrs. A. Cutler, of Benton, has been a helpless invalid with partial paralysis of the spine. For five years she has not walked and was unable to speak except in the faintest whisper; was confined to her bed as helpless as an infant. About one year ago she was taken to the hospital, as a last resort, to be treated by the eminent physicians connected with that institution, having exhausted the skill of 9 other physicians of local note. She remained at the hospital for several weeks and everything that long experience had taught the attending physicians was tried but with no avail. Receiving no benefit her husband sought the physicians and asked them what they thought of the chances of a cure. He was told her case was a hopeless complication of disease and that the primary cause of her helplessness was a partial paralysis of the spine. She was discharged from the hospital as incurable, and taken to her home hopeless and discouraged. Some time ago she heard of the wonderful and almost miraculous cures being made by Dr. French, at the Vendome in Grand Rapids, and determined to make one more effort for life and health. She came to Doctor French's office; an examination followed and he assured her he could cure her in time. After the first week's treatment she could walk about the park and since has returned to her home, and a letter from Mr. Cutler tells us his wife is almost as good as new. She is up and about the house attending to her household duties and is a most thankful woman. She says Dr. French's treatment saved not only her life but years of lingering misery. Do not wait to see a case like yours published but go now and be treated at Dr. French's office and be speedily and permanently cured. No matter what the disease, he can cure you if curable. He will be frank and honest with you, and charges will be reasonable. Consultation, advice and examination free and private. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

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For two weeks beginning June 27, we will offer special inducements on Bicycles. Now is your opportunity. Call and see us.

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Especially about damp walls in the basement, unbuildings, sewers, etc., should also be looked after, as sickness may be prevented by proper disinfecting. We sell

Crude Carbolic Acid at 30 Cents per Quart Jug.

The crude has all the value of the refined and will prove quite as satisfactory for common use. The refined acid we recommend for household use.

To persons who object to the odor of carbolic acid we recommend

Brome Chloralum.

This is non-poisonous and odorless. It is well adapted for washing and disinfecting refrigerators, use in sick rooms, etc. Platt's Chlorides are equally good.

For purposes where a cheap disinfectant is desired.

Copperas is the Best. We Sell 10 lbs of it for 25 Cts.

And the solution, 2 lbs to a gallon of water, will thoroughly disinfect outbuildings by pouring a little in occasionally. The price permits its free use.

Tar Camphor

Is the cheapest insecticide. It is practically odorless and, and is used for preventing the ravages of moths. It is cheap, about one-third the price of gum camphor. The large tinners stores find it answers quite as well. It is perfectly white, does not stain, and comes in powder, squares and balls. The odor arising from it disappears on exposure to the air. It is well adapted for new-made garments, woollens, and for every use where it is desirable to be secure against moths. We keep all other antiseptics and disinfectants, but the above are the most prominent.

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24x30 bevel plate mirror, antique oak finish,

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(Exactly represented by cut.)



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